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SUBJ: FIVE POWER DEFENSE AGREEMENT: NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN
SINGAPORE

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GNZ DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER/MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRIAN
TALBOYS ARRIVED IN SINGAPORE MARCH 16. ON FIRST STOP OF TOUR
THROUGH SOUTHEAST ASIA. MARCH 17 RADIO NEW ZEALAND BROAD-
CAST CARRIED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF TALBOY'S ARRIVAL PRESS
CONFERENCE. "THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MR. TALBOYS SAYS
THE GOVERNMENT IS RECONSIDERING ITS DECISION TO WITHDRAW
NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES IN SINGAPORE. MR. TALBOYS
TOLD A SINGAPORE NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THE PREVIOUS
LABOUR GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO WITHDRAW NEW ZEALAND TROOPS
BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, BUT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
WAS AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO KEEP THEM IN SINGAPORE.

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MR. TALBOYS WHO IS ON A TOUR OF SOUTHEAST ASIA SAID NO

DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL THE VIEWS OF THE
SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT BECOME KNOWN. DURING A TWO-DAY
STAY IN SINGAPORE, MR. TALBOYS WILL HAVE TALKS WITH
THE PRIME MINISTER MR. LEE KUAN YEW AND OTHER MINISTERS.
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